



**Representative Louise M. Slaughter**  
**Chairwoman, House Committee on Rules**  
**Representing New York's 28<sup>th</sup> District**

# **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

**FOR      IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Monday,      December 1, 2008

□

**Chairwoman Slaughter's Statement on President-elect Obama's Announcement of His National Security Team** □

□

**Washington, DC** - Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, released the following statement today on President-elect Barack Obama's announcement of his national security team. □  
Senator Hillary Clinton to be the new Secretary of State, Robert Gates to stay on as Secretary of Defense, Eric Holder as Attorney General, Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano as Secretary of Homeland Security, Susan Rice as Ambassador to the United Nations and General Jim Jones as National Security Adviser:

□

“President-elect Obama's choices for his National Security Team demonstrate that his top priority is to keep our nation safe while improving America's standing in the world. All of the nominees are skilled, experienced and dedicated public servants who will work each and every day to help America meet key challenges at home and abroad. Most importantly, this team will help bring convincing change to our foreign policy that will make our nation stronger and more secure.

In particular, Senator Hillary Clinton will be an outstanding Secretary of State. While New York is losing a wonderful champion in the Senate, America is gaining a skilled leader

who will help restore our alliances with the world.&quot;

###